SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Sir Frederick Nathaniel BALLANTYNE
Head of Government
Prime Minister Ralph E. GONSALVES
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Kingstown
Legislature
unicameral House of Assembly (23 seats)
Judiciary
the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Lou-Anne Gaylene GILCHRIST
US Ambassador
the US does not have an embassy in Grenada, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
success of this lower-middle-income economy hinges upon seasonal variations in agriculture, tourism, and construction activity, as well as remittances; banana production, in particular, remains vulnerable to natural shocks
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.266 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$11,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$51.3 million (2017 est.)
partners: Jordan 40.7%, France 12.5%, Barbados 7%, Saint Lucia 6.8%, Antigua and Barbuda 5.7%, US 5.5%, Trinidad and Tobago 4.7% (2017)
Imports
$311.3 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 36.8%, Trinidad and Tobago 19.1%, UK 7%, China 5.8% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
102,100 (July 2017 est.)
Population Growth
-0.25% (2017 est.)
Ethnicity
African/black 72.8%, mixed 20%, Carib 3.6%, East Indian 1.4%, European 4%, other 1.5%, unspecified .6% (2001 est.)
Language
English, Vincentian Creole English, French patois
Religion
Protestant 70.6%, Roman Catholic 7.5%, Evangelical 2.8%, Rastafarian 1.5%, Jehovah's Witness 0.6%, other 6.7%, none 8.8%, unspecified 1.5% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 52.2% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 389 sq km (Saint Vincent 344 sq km)
Land: 389 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical; little seasonal temperature variation; rainy season (May to November)
Natural Resources
hydropower, arable land

as of September 2018